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THE

STRANGE AND WONDERFUL

PREDICTIONS

OF

Mr. CHRISTOPHER LOVE,

Minister of the Gospel at Lawrence Jury,

LONDON;

WHO WAS BEHEADED ON TOWER HILL,

IN THE TIME OF

OLIVER CROMWELL'S GOVERNMENT OF ENGLAND,

GIVING AN

ACCOUNT OF BABYLON'S FALL;

And in that Glorious Event,

A GENERAL REFORMATION OVER ALL THE WORLD.

WITH A

MOST EXTRAORDINARY

PROPHECY

OF

THE LATE REVOLUTION IN FRANCE,

AND

THE DOWNFAL OF

THE ANTICHRISTIAN KINGDOM

In that Country.

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A Few nights after he was ſentenced to be beheaded, on Tower hill, which was on the 22d day of Auguſt, 1651, ten days before his appointed time, by the ſentence he received at the bar, being one night viſited by two of his intimate acquaintances, or boſom friends, as he himſelf called them, they began to complain of the cruelties of the times, and the malice and uſage of time-ſerving brethren; to which Mr. Love anſwered,

"And think you this is an evil time? No, no; this is the very time when grace and true godlineſs can be diſtinguiſhed from hypocriſy: many have followed Chriſt hitherto for the loaves, and are now turned back for the roughneſs of the way, and the ſore trial and tribulation which others met with who are gone before them.

"There are many in London at this very day, who think to go to heaven in their gilded coaches, and have denied Chriſt's cauſe before men (againſt whom I now witneſs) and Chriſt in his never-failing word has promiſed to deny all ſuch before his Father and the holy angels. This is the time to diſcern between him that ſerveth God, and him that ſerveth him not. They formerly were my familiar acquaintance, in fellowſhip and ſweet converſe. I ſent this day to have a few words with them here in the priſon; but they would not come; for their countenance is fallen, their conſciences wounded,—they cannot look me in the face; becauſe I knew of their reſolution,

reſolution, and was a witneſs to their perjuration.—But, ah! how will they look the bleſſed Jeſus in the face in the morning of the reſurrection? what anſwer or excuſe will they have for what they have done? O fooliſh people! who think to eſcape the croſs, and come to the crown! I tell you, nay; you muſt all ſuffer perſecution who follow the Lamb; we muſt be hated of all nations for Chriſt's ſake; we muſt come thro' great tribulation, thro' the fiery furnace of affliction, before we can enter the land of joy and felicity. Know ye not that the ſouls that were ſlain for the teſtimony of Jeſus are placed under the altar? Happy, happy are thoſe men at this day, and ever ſhall be happy, who ſuffer for Chriſt's ſake in a right and charitable way—thro' love to his cauſe, and honeſty of heart: not thro' pride and hypocriſy, without the root of the matter, to have it ſaid they died martyrs: theſe are they who will miſs their mark; and thoſe who denied the call and looked back, ſhall never have the honour to find it. I am now pointed out by many

to be in a deſtitute and forlorn condition; but I would not exchange my ſtate, no not for all the glory that's on the earth: I find my Redeemer's love ſtronger in my bonds, than ever I did in the days of my liberty; therefore I hold living here as death itſelf. I am as full of love and joy in the Holy Ghoſt, as ever bottle was filled with new wine. I am ready to cry out, The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; I will not take upon me to prophecy; nevertheleſs the Spirit of the Lord cauſeth me to utter: —This uſurped authority, now in the hands of Cromwell, ſhall ſhortly be at an end; England ſhall be bleſſed with meek Kings, and mild governments; powerful preachers, and dull hearers: good ſermons to them will be as muſic to a ſleepy man; they ſhall hear, but not underſtand, nor lay the word to heart, to practice it in their lives, to walk by it. O England, thou ſhalt wax old in wickedneſs; thy ſins abound like thoſe of Sodom; thy voluptuouſneſs ſhall cry aloud for vengeance; the Lord ſhall threaten and chaſtiſe thee, yet in mercy and love will he look

look upon thoſe that fear him, and call upon his name; he will ſpare and ſave them alive in the day of his anger, when the wicked ſhall be ſifted from amongſt you, as the chaff is ſifted from amongſt the wheat; for out of thee, O England, ſhall a bright ſtar ariſe, whoſe light and voice ſhall make the heathen to quake, and knock under with ſubmiſſion to the goſpel of Jeſus; he ſhall be as a ſound of thunder in the ears of the wicked, and as a lanthorn to the Jews, to lead them to the knowledge of Jeſus, the only Son of God, and true Meſſiah, whom they ſo long miſtruſted, for the ſhort work ſpoken of by the apoſtle, which the Lord is to make upon the earth, in the latter age of the world, cannot be far off. Obſerve, my dear friends, while you live, my calculation of the dates in the book of the Revelation, and in Daniel, which the Spirit of the Lord led me into; for the Lord will reveal it to ſome of his own, ere that time come; for the nearer the time is, the ſeals ſhall be taken away, and more and more ſhall be revealed to God's people; for the Lord doth

nothing without he reveal it, by his Spirit, to his ſervants the prophets: He deſtroyed not the old world, without the knowledge of Noah—He did not overthrow Sodom and Gomorrah, without the knowledge of Abraham. I do not mean now, that any new prophet ſhall ariſe; but the Lord by his Spirit ſhall cauſe knowledge to abound among his people, whereby the old prophecies ſhall be clearly and perfectly underſtood. And I die in that thought, and really believe that my calculation on the Revelation by St. John, and the prophecy which St. Jerome copied off, and tranſlated out of the Hebrew language, as it is written on Seth's pillar in Damaſcus, which pillar is ſaid to have ſtood ſince before the flood, and was built by Seth, Adam's ſon, and written by Enoch the prophet; as likewiſe the holy precepts, whereby the patriarch walked before the law was given to Moſes, which were alſo engraven on the ſaid pillar, whereof many Jews have copies, in their own language, written on parchment, and engraven on braſs and copper; but the

alteration

alteration of the date makes them to ſtagger at it, not knowing that the dates were to be altered by the birth of Chriſt. Firſt, This prophecy is intitled, A ſhort work of the Lord's in the latter age of the world. Great earthquakes and commotions by ſea and land ſhall come in the year of God 1779. Great wars in Germany and America, in 1780. The deſtruction of popery, or Babylon's fall, in the year 1790. God will be known by many in the year 1795. This will produce a great man. The ſtars will wander, and the moon turn as blood, in 1800. Africa, Aſia, and America, will tremble, in 1803. A great earthquake over all the world, in 1805. God will be univerſally known by all: Then a general reformation, and peace for ever, when the people ſhall learn war no more. Happy is the man that liveth to ſee this day!"

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PROPHECY

OF THE

FRENCH REVOLUTION.

FROM A PUBLICATION BY

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IN 1687.

Rev. xi. 13.

And the ſame hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were ſlain of men ſeven thouſand, and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to God.

NOW what is this *tenth part of this city*, which ſhall *fall?* In my opinion, we cannot doubt that 'tis *France*. This kingdom

kingdom is the moſt conſiderable *part* or piece of the *ten horns*, or ſtates, which once made up the great *Babylonian city: it fell;* this does not ſignify, that the *French Monarchy* ſhall be *ruined*; it may be humbled; but in all appearance, Providence does deſign a great elevation for her afterward. It is highly probable, that God will not let go unpuniſhed the horrible outrages which it acts at this day. Afterward, it muſt build its greatneſs upon the ruins of the *papal empire*, and enrich itſelf with the ſpoils of thoſe who ſhall take part with the *papacy*. They who at this day *perſecute* the *proteſtants*, know not whither God is leading them: this is not the way by which he will lead *France* to the height of glory. If ſhe comes thither, it is becauſe ſhe ſhall ſhortly change her road. Her greatening will be no damage to *proteſtant ſtates;* on the contrary, the *proteſtant ſtates* ſhall be enriched with the ſpoils of others; and be ſtrengthened by the *fall* of *Antichriſt's empire*. This *tenth* part of the *city* ſhall *fall*, with reſpect to the *papacy*;

pacy; it ſhall break with *Rome*, and the *Roman religion*. One thing is certain, that the *Babylonian empire* ſhall periſh through the refuſal of obedience by the *ten Kings*, who had given their power to the *beaſt*. The thing is already come to paſs in part. The kingdoms of *Sweden*, *Denmark*, *England*, and ſeveral *ſovereign ſtates in Germany*, have withdrawn themſelves from the *juriſdiction* of the *Pope*. *They have ſpoiled the harlot* of her riches. *They have eaten her fleſh*, *i. e.* ſeized on her *benefices* and *revenues*, which ſhe had in their *countries*. This muſt go on, and be finiſhed as it is begun. The *Kings*, who yet remain under *the empire of Rome*, muſt break with her, leave her ſolitary and deſolate.

But who muſt begin this *laſt revolt?* It is moſt probable that *France* ſhall. Not *Spain*, which as yet is plunged in *ſuperſtition*, and is as much under the *tyranny* of the *clergy* as ever. Not the *Emperor*, who in *temporals* is ſubject to the *Pope*, and permits

mits that in his *ſtates* the *Archbiſhop of Strigonium* ſhould teach that the *Pope* can *take* away the *Imperial* crown from him. It cannot be any country but *France*, which a long time ago hath begun to *ſhake off the yoke of Rome*. It is well known, how *ſolemnly* and openly *war* hath been declared againſt the *Pope*, by a *declaration* of the *King* (ratified in all the *parliaments*) by the deciſions of the *aſſembly* of the *French clergy*, by a *diſputation* againſt the *authority* of the *Pope*, managed in the *Sorbonne*, ſolemnly, and by order of the *court*. And to heighten the affront, the *theſes* were poſted up, even upon the *gates* of his *Nuntio*. Nothing of this kind had hitherto happened, at leaſt in a time of peace, and unleſs the *Pope* had given occaſion by his inſolences.

Beſides this, *ſuperſtition* and *idolatry* loſe their credit much in *France*.—There is a ſecret *party*, though well enough known, which greatly deſpiſeth the popular *devotions*, *images*, worſhip of *ſaints*, and is convinced

convinced that theſe are *human inventions*; God is before-hand preparing for this great work.

To this it may be objected, that for the laſt hundred and fifty *years*, the *Pope's empire* hath not been made up of *ten Kings*, becauſe the *Kings* of *England*, *Sweden*, *Denmark*, &c. have thrown off his government, and conſequently, *France* is not at this day the *tenth* part of the *Babylonian empire*; for it is *more* than a *tenth* part of it. But this is no difficulty:- for we muſt know, that things retain the *names* which they bore in their original (without regarding the alterations which time does bring along.) Though at this day, there are not *ten Kingdoms* under the *Babylonian empire*, it is notwithſtanding certain, that each *Kingdom* was called and ought to be called in this prophecy, the *tenth* part; becauſe the prophet having deſcribed this *empire* in its beginning, by its *ten horns*, or *ten Kings*, it is neceſſary for our clear underſtanding, that every one of theſe *ten*

Kings,

Kings, and *kingdoms*, ſhould be called *one* of the *ten Kings*, or of the *ten kingdoms*, with reſpect to the original conſtitution of the *antichriſtian empire*.

Seeing the *tenth part* of the *city* that muſt *fall*, is *France*, this gives me ſome hopes, that the *death* of the *two witneſſes* hath a particular relation to *this kingdom*. It is the *ſtreet* or place of *this city*, *i. e.* the moſt fair and eminent *part* of it. The *witneſſes* muſt remain dead upon *this ſtreet*, and upon it they muſt be raiſed again. And as the *death* of the *witneſſes* and their *reſurrection* have a relation to the *kingdom of France*, it may well fall out, that we may not be far diſtant from the *time* of the *reſurrection* of the *witneſſes*, ſeeing the three *years* and a half of their *death* are either begun, or will begin ſhortly.

And in the earthquake were ſlain ſeven thouſand; in the *Greek* it is, *ſeven thouſand names of men*, and not ſeven thouſand men. I confeſs, that this ſeems ſomewhat myſte-

rious:

ous: in other places we find not this phraſe, *names of men*, put ſimply for *men*. Perhaps there is here a figure of grammar called, *hypallage caſus*, ſo that *names of men* are put for *men of name*, *i. e.* of raiſed and conſiderable quality, be it on the account of riches, or of dignity, or of learning. But I am more inclined to ſay, that *here* theſe words, *names of men*, muſt be taken in their natural ſignification, and do intimate, that the total *Reformation of France* ſhall not be made with bloodſhed, nothing ſhall be deſtroyed but *names;* ſuch as are the names of *Monks*, of *Carmelites*, of *Auguſtines*, of *Dominicans*, of *Jacobins*, of *Franciſcans*, *Capuchins*, *Jeſuites*, *Minimes*, and an infinite company of others, whoſe number it is not eaſy to define, and which the Holy Ghoſt denotes by the number *ſeven*, which is the number of perfection, to ſignify, that the orders of *monks* and *nuns* ſhall periſh for ever. This is an *inſtitution* ſo degenerated from its firſt original, that it is become the arm of *Antichriſt*.

Theſe

Theſe orders cannot periſh one without another.

Theſe *great events* deſerve to be diſtinguiſhed from all others; for they have changed, or ſhall change, THE WHOLE FACE OF THE WORLD.

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